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## $25.73m. Freed By U.S. for Use By Israel Now

WASHINGTON, Tuesday — An interim agreement to make available immediately up to $25,730,000 for economic assistance to Israel has been concluded between the Governments of Israel and the U.S., the State Department announced last night. The announcement added:

"This money is being made available from funds appropriated by Congress under section 205 of the Mutual Security Act of 1951. This section authorizes the utilization of a sum not to exceed $50 million in the fiscal year 1952 for specific free relief and resettlement projects in Israel. The programme is being administered by the Technical Cooperation Administration in the Department of State.

"The agreement was effected by an exchange of notes between the two Governments on December 7, 1951. The funds made available under the terms of the interim agreement are to provide for meeting certain immediate needs until a general agreement covering the entire economic assistance programme can be negotiated. Under the terms, the U.S. will assist Israel in paying or goods which have been purchased since July 1, 1951, including wheat, oil seeds, petroleum, and raw cotton for manufacture. Such purchases amounted to approximately $14,250,000 in value.

"The remainder of the funds made available under this agreement will be used for contracting for shipment of about $3 million worth of foodstuffs, $3 million worth of essential components of a power plant and $2.5 million worth of irrigation equipment. The latter items were previously linked to the problems of bringing additional land under cultivation. As the exchange of notes indicates, the foregoing materials are for refugee relief and resettlement projects in Israel.

"Israel is undertaking to earmark at least an equal amount of its own currency to be used for goods and services for specific refugee relief and settlement projects and for furthering the economic development of Israel along specific lines to be subsequently agreed upon by the two Governments."

A general agreement covering this economic assistance programme which is expected to total about $60m. during the present fiscal year, will be negotiated later. The money authorized yesterday will be over and above the total sum earmarked for Israel aid.

In an exchange of notes between Mr. James Webb, Acting Secretary of State, and the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, Mr. Webb asked the Israel Government whether it "agreed to join with the U.S. Government in promoting international understanding and good will and in maintaining world peace, and to alleviate causes of international tension."

Mr. Eban replied, "The Government of Israel wishes to assure the Government of the U.S. that it agrees to join with that Government in promoting international understanding and good will and in maintaining world peace, and to undertake such action as they mutually agree upon to alleviate causes for international tension." (*USIS, UP*)

## *Wild Scenes In Persian Majlis*

**TEHERAN, Tuesday, (Reuter). — Premier Mohammed Mossadegh, after a wild Parliamentary scene of fighting and shouting, offered an original solution to Persia's oil problem today. It was: "Shut down the oil and tighten our belts." Earlier, opposition leaders had shouted "Go to hell," and "Death to the traitors," at the white-haired Premier. Once he fled the chamber by a side door under sten-gun escort.**

He secured a hearing at the third attempt, after fisticuffs in the Chamber had stopped him once, cat-calls and booing the second time.

**After Mossadegh has finished speaking, his right-hand man, Hussein Makki, proposed an adjournment and added: "I smell gunpowder and see the signs of a revolution."**

Outside Parliament troops and police with machineguns and bayonets held off an angry, screaming crowd of Mossadegh supporters shouting, "We will strangle the opposition with our hands." Three times the crowd scaled Parliament's iron gates but were thrown back by steel-helmeted police.

Accusing the U.S. of restricting aid to Persia to supplying DDT powder, he said: "this being the state of affairs, it is better to close down the oil industry and act as if we had no oil in Persia at all. By leaving our oil in the ground, we preserve it for our children who will exploit it and bless their fathers."

But he warned the Majlis that if the nation closed down the oil industry, it would have to tighten its belt more.

Mossadegh said the U.S. Government departments were under British influence, and even Mr. George McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State, was dismissed because he had shown a friendly attitude towards Persia.

The trouble started when Dr. Mossadegh was reporting to a secret session of Parliament on the riots of last Thursday in which National Front hooligans wrecked and burnt down nine opposition newspaper offices and staged fights with students demonstrating against the police. The National Front supports Dr. Mossadegh.

From the start the debate was conducted in a tense atmosphere which was heightened when Djemal Imami entered the Chamber. He was greeted with loud cheers and clapping and shouts of "death to Mossadegh the traitor" and "long live Imami."

Then, without warning, fighting between deputies broke out fist blows and then kicks being freely exchanged. Within a matter of minutes the uproar was general throughout the Chamber with the Speaker vainly trying to restore order.

## Knesset Urges Seamen To Resume Jobs

**The Knesset last night appealed to the merchant seamen who organised the walk-out four weeks ago to return to their ships.**

**Mr. David Ben Gurion, who became Acting Minister of Communications earlier in the day with the departure for the U.S. of Mr. D. Z. Pinkas, promised to discuss their grievances after they went back to work.**

The Coalition motion calling for a return to work, which was also supported by the Progressives, was passed by 54 to 37. But this tally did not reflect the feeling in the House. The General Zionists and Herut who voted against the Coalition motion appealed to the seamen in their own way to return to work.

**LONG SESSIONS NEXT WEEK**

**The Knesset will hold non-stop meetings next week from 4 to 11 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Wednesday. The budget debate is scheduled, and 22 hours were allocated for it.**

Motions by the General Zionists and the Progressives for legislation to ban strikes in essential industries were defeated. The entire Opposition supported motions by the General Zionists and Mapam el legislation calling for committee, but it was defeated 49 to 37.

**Reference Struck Out**

Also defeated were Mapam and Communist motions condemning the Government for intervening in what they called an internal labour dispute and for the use of the police, the call-up of strikers to the Armed Forces, the import of foreign seamen and the abuse of the seamen. Herut proposed legislation calling for compulsory arbitration of labour dispute in essential industries.

The Communists proposed a motion of no confidence. They had said in their resolution that the action of the Government in the case of the seamen smacked of fascist oppression but Mr. Zeev Shefer, who was in the chair, insisted that they withdraw the reference to "fascist oppression."

In his speech closing the debate, Mr. Ben Gurion insisted that those volunteers who joined the merchant marine during the emergency should be permitted to remain in the service if they wished. He also promised that striking seamen would be permitted to return to their ships once they agreed to call off their walk-out.

The Prime Minister reiterated his charge that political considerations had motivated the strike. He called it "political sabotage."

The sailors had miscalculated, he said. They had thought that their walk-out would paralyse the fleet and leave the country marooned and that the Government and the Histadrut would be forced to their knees. They failed because others came to sail the ships, he added.

**Mr. Ben Gurion, who was not in his best form, criticized the seamen for using force and justified the use of the police against them.**

(Five Ships Tied Up, P.3, Col.3)

## *Health Of President Improves*

**"The relative improvement in the President's condition, which was reported yesterday, continued today," according to a bulletin issued by Dr. Weizmann's physicians at noon yesterday.**

The President had apparently rallied sufficiently to permit him to receive his friend, Dr. Isadore Schalit, once secretary to Theodore Herzl, who wished him a speedy recovery.

Other visitors at the President's home in Rehovot included: Mr. David Zvi Pinkas, the Communications Minister, less than an hour before his departure for the U.S. where he will represent the Government at the U.J.A. conference in Atlantic City and will purchase equipment for his Ministry; Mr. Moshe Kol, Youth Aliya head, who brought to the President an olivewood Hanukka candelabrum, carved by Youth Aliya youngsters at the Zionist Youth farm in Katamon, Jerusalem.

A telegram wishing the President a speedy recovery and long years of "joy in the blossoming of the State towards complete redemption" was yesterday sent by Chief Rabbis Herzog and Uziel in the name of the Council of the Chief Rabbinate.

Greetings were also received from the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., New York Congressman, who also sent a bouquet of flowers.

**Acting President**

**The Knesset Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, will be Acting President of Israel until February 7, the Knesset was informed yesterday.**

Mr. David Bar-Rav-Hai, Chairman of the House Committee, said that in accordance with the President's Tenure Law the Committee had examined medical reports on Dr. Weizmann's condition and found that the President would be unable to fulfill his duties for two months.

The Speaker extended greetings to Dr. Weizmann and wishes for a speedy recovery, hoping that he would be able to resume his post sooner.

The first act by the Acting President was the appointment of Dr. Seigfried Moses to a second term as State Comptroller. Dr. Moses, who was nominated by the House Committee, signed his oath of office yesterday prior to his departure for the United States today. He will visit the Embassy and Consulates and also the offices of the Independence Bond issue.

Mr. Sprinzak did not preside in the Knesset yesterday.

**ELATH SEES LOCKE**

LONDON, Tuesday (INA).— The Israel Minister here, Mr. Elath, saw Mr. Edwin A. Locke Junior, the Technical Cooperation Administrator, at the Israel Legation today.

An official announcement following the meeting said that they "discussed the work of the Administration."

# Big 4 Report Limited Arms Accord to U.N.

## Area of Agreement Enlarged

**PARIS, Tuesday, (Reuter).—Russia and the West have agreed to set up a disarmament commission, but are still sharply divided on the practical problems of reducing atomic and conventional weapons. The Big Four disarmament sub-committee, trying to reconcile Soviet and Western disarmament plans, reported back to the U.N. Political Committee today.**

They agreed on five general steps for disarmament, but not on the practical way to take them. A statement by the Western representatives said: "Fundamental differences still remain, but... it is true to say that the area of agreement has been somewhat enlarged."

The main points of agreement were:

- **The disarmament commission should study the reduction of all armaments, including atomic weapons and para-military and police forces.**
- **A census of armaments and armed forces should be made.**
- **A system of safeguards should meet to discuss disarmament.**
- **All the world's nations should meet to discuss disarmament.**
- **There should be a system of verification and inspection.**

**Main Difference**

The most important difference was on Russia's uncompromising demand that atomic weapons be prohibited unconditionally, and that the great powers should reduce existing forces and armaments by one-third within one year.

The West said this was an "arbitrary fixed fraction" and would preserve or even intensify the present unbalance between the West and Russia.

The report said M. Andrei Vyshinsky of the USSR had objected in the week's meeting of the sub-committee that Western plans put "control before prohibition and that unless there is prior prohibition there is nothing to control."

The Western Ministers — Dr. Philip Jessup of the U.S., Mr. Selwyn Lloyd of Britain and M. Jules Moch of France — answered that "until a system of control is in operation the prohibition would be unenforceable and illusory," the report said.

The report also showed "serious divergences" on international control of atomic energy, the system of stage by stage disclosure of armaments, and the directives to be given to the disarmament commission.

It was agreed that the new commission, called the Atomic Energy and Conventional Armaments Commission, should prepare within three months practical proposals for limiting armament and armed forces. It should function under the control of the Security Council and consist of all 11 members of the Council plus Canada.

## U.S. Reveals Heavy Korea Air Losses

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The U.N. air force has lost more than 583 planes to Communist action in the Korean war, while at least 208 Communist aircraft have been destroyed, according to Defence Department figures.

Most of the U.N. planes were shot down by ground fire. The smaller Communist losses were attributed to the Communists avoiding combat during a long period and not venturing over U.N. areas.

## Communists Agree To Discuss POWs

TOKYO, Tuesday. — Communist cease-fire delegates today unexpectedly agreed to discuss exchanging prisoners of war, then refused to give any information about how many they held.

Instead, they put forward a "blanket" demand that all military prisoners be released immediately a Korean armistice is signed.

Lt.-Col. Howard Levie, Allied spokesman, said "I do not know yet whether we are dealing with 500, 5,000 or 50,000 Allied prisoners."

Allied estimates were that the Communists took 70,000 to 80,000 South Korean prisoners, and 12,000 to 14,000 prisoners of other nationalities, the spokesman said. He said the U.N. held, roughly, 100,000 North Koreans and 15,000 to 20,000 Chinese.

In an attempt to speed the work of the truce supervision sub-committee, Chinese Maj.-Gen. Hsieh Fang made a tentative conciliatory move by intimating that the Communists would accept these Allied demands:

- **To confine troop rotations;**
- **To replace worn-out equipment; and**
- **To create a single organization to supervise the armistice if the Allies agreed to neutral inspection.**

Meanwhile, the Allies today admitted a Communist charge that a U.N. plane had bombed and strafed the neutralized area of Kaesong. No explanation of the violation was immediately available.

Major-General Henry Hodes replied that the U.N. has several objections to the plan, and promised to give more details later.

Both sub-committees meet again in adjacent tents tomorrow.

At the front, opposing armies yesterday observed the 13th day of the "little armistice" with one of the quietest 24-hour periods of the war. (AP, Reuter)

## E. Germans Reject Western Proposal

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Dr. Lothar Bolz, representing East Germany, today rejected a Western proposal for a commission to investigate possibilities of free elections throughout Germany, saying that it would be interference in a "peaceful domestic matter."

Four East Germans appeared before the U.N. Ad Hoc Political Committee to state their case for free elections throughout all Germany.

They were shown into seats in the front row of the crowded public gallery. Across the aisle from them sat Professor Ernst Reuter, Mayor of West Berlin and one of the West German delegates who appeared before the Committee on Saturday.

Dr. Bolz charged the Western occupation forces with violating the Potsdam principles and said that only by the unification of Germany could a lasting peace be found for Europe. The Soviet Union supported this demand for unification. This could not be said of leading Atlantic Bloc nations.

## Israel Scores German Silence on Nazism

POST Correspondent

PARIS, Tuesday. — Speaking on a point of order in the U.N. General Assembly's Ad Hoc Committee here today, before the German Representative rose to speak, Israel's delegate, Mr. Maurice Fischer, said, "My delegation regards it as appropriate to observe that the West German representative, to whom we listened on Saturday, did not find it necessary to take advantage of the first opportunity offered to make their voice heard at the U.N., in order to express their condemnation of the Nazi regime and to sympathize with its victims."

"My delegation trusts that the Council will take note of the fact, which concerns the tendency of the Germans, on every occasion, to pass over the matter in silence and to ignore their historic responsibility."

The chairman of the committee, M. Selim Sarper (Turkey), replied that the Israel delegation would be given an opportunity later to discuss the substance of this matter.

## Egypt Decides On Attitude to Britain

CAIRO, Tuesday. — The Egyptian Cabinet reached a decision on the question of whether or not to sever relations with Britain, but the decision will not be announced until tomorrow.

Ministers' faces were wreathed in smiles when they left the session.

During the Cabinet meeting, the Acting Foreign Minister, Faraj Pasha, spoke by radio-telephone to Paris with Foreign Minister Salah e-Din.

Half an hour after the Cabinet meeting, the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, handed a message from the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, to Faraj Pasha. The message, a reply to Egypt's protest over British action in building a road in the area of Suez, said the construction was aimed at avoiding clashes with local inhabitants. It added that the town of Suez had been placed out of bounds to British forces as from today.

(In London, Mr. Eden and Ambassador Amr Pasha discussed a "broader field" of Anglo-Egyptian relations, the British Foreign Office announced.)

(In Paris today, Egypt told the U.N. that British demolition of houses in the Suez zone was "an extremely serious and flagrant violation of the purposes and principles of the U.N.")

(*Reuter, UP*)

## Potash Company To Be One Third Partner in New Dead Sea Firm

Announcing the details of an agreement between the Government and Palestine Potash Ltd., representatives of both parties told the press yesterday in Jerusalem that operations at the southern plant of the Dead Sea works would be resumed as early as possible.

A five-man committee — three from the Government and two of the company — will meet to map plans for the resumption of work. It was learned that one of the immediate topics will be a discussion of the steps to be taken to enlarge the plant and to transport the $500,000 worth of new equipment now in Haifa. More is to be ordered in the U.S.

The agreement calls for the setting up of a still unnamed Israel company to assume the full obligations and holdings of Palestine Potash Ltd. The looted northern plant in Jordan-held territory is included in these holdings. As previously reported, the Government will control 51 per cent of the voting rights, the company 25 per cent and local private investors the remaining 24 per cent. The Government will appoint one more than half the number of directors of the new enterprise.

Present shareholders in Palestine Potash Ltd. will be able to exchange their shares for those in the new company and will be entitled to one-third of the dividends. Holders of preference shares in Palestine Potash Ltd. will be offered debentures bearing five per cent interest payable in sterling which will accrue from export sales. The bonds are redeemable after 50 years, although the new company has the right to redeem them earlier.

**Six Per Cent Dividend**

Holders of Common Stock will earn a dividend of "at least six per cent. If the Company's income does not justify such a dividend, it will be paid out of an export subsidy, provided that the Company exports at least 50,000 tons of potash annually. Foreign shareholders will be paid in hard currency out of export earnings.

The new firm will receive loans amounting to $13m., of which $11m. will be the loan originally granted by the Government to Palestine Potash Ltd. from the Export-Import Bank loan from the U.S. The other $1m. is another loan first made to the old company by the Palestine Economic Corporation. Additional equipment for the plant will be purchased with some of these monies.

Mr. P. Naphtali, chairman of the inter-Ministerial committee that negotiated the settlement, declared that it had not yet been decided what the new company's capital will be or how much money the Government will invest. It was stated, however, that whatever the established capital will be, the Palestine Potash Company will be considered a one-third partner. The Beersheba-Sdom road, scheduled for completion by the middle of next year, will apparently be considered as part of the Government's investment.

In answer to a question, Mr. Naphtali conceded that the new enterprise will have a monopoly on the rights to exploit the wealth of the Dead Sea. He said the agreement would be presented to the Knesset, although it was not decided whether the Cabinet would ask the Knesset to approve the settlement.

Expressing the hope that the planned partnership would be a "fruitful and cordial one," Lord Glenconner, Chairman of Palestine Potash Ltd., stated that the new company "can look forward with confidence to the future." Mr. Israel Brodie, an American Director of the Palestine Potash, paid tribute to Mr. M. Novomeysky, the company's managing director, for evolving the process of refining the potash. Both company officials said they would recommend the approval of the agreement by the shareholders. Mr. Novomeysky and Mr. A. Citron, General Manager, also participated in the press conference.

Speaking as the representative of the American shareholders, Mr. Brodie said the partnership "is fair to both parties. I have the conviction that this integration of interests represents a partnership in the real meaning of the term, carrying with it the high moral responsibility which one partner owes the other, and I look forward to the future unfolding of this undertaking with confidence. But above all I am grateful that the results of our negotiations will enhance the good name of Israel throughout the world."

Lord Glenconner and Mr. Brodie visited Prime Minister Ben Gurion later in the day. They are scheduled to leave Israel today.

## UNRWA Asks $250m. From U.N. for Arab Refugees

PARIS, Tuesday (AP). — The U.N. General Assembly was asked today to vote a three-year $250 million aid programme for the relief and reintegration of Palestine refugees. The recommendation was made by the U.N. Relief and Works Agency in a special report on the assistance it is giving to an estimated 877,000 persons displaced by the Arab-Israel war.

UNRWA asked for $118 million for the first year.

The programme seeks to move the poverty-stricken refugees from their present tent homes into permanent houses and give them work. It would last until about mid-summer, 1954.

Mr. John Blandford, U.S. director of UNWRA, and an advisory commission composed of French, Turkish, British and U.S. experts made the report.

A special effort must be made to agree upon a formula which will promise the refugee an end to camp life and ration lines; promise the governments a termination of social and economic dislocation and promises contributors a definite time when large relief expenditures will stop, the report said.

But it pointed out that the new plan must not prejudice refugee interests in repatriation and compensation.

The plan, with $200m. devoted to reintegration and $50m. for relief, would have these aims:

To help refugees find adequate housing and employment, to move them from temporary camps to suburban housing projects and rural villages, to fit them into self-supporting jobs, and to make them economic assets of the Middle East countries.

The report did not name the countries where refugees should be reintegrated, but said they would be principally in the Middle East. It assumed the governments would match the project by large-scale development plans of their own, and urged that relief administration should be taken over by the governments not later than July 1, 1952.

The money for the $250m. project would be contributed by U.N. members and allotted to Middle East governments, who would be expected to assume maximum administrative responsibility at the earliest date. As reintegration increased, relief would be cut down.

The starting date for the project would be back-dated to July 1, 1951.

**COMMITTEE PRAISES WORK OF NAHAL GROUPS**

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee yesterday passed a resolution expressing appreciation for the military and settlement efficiency of *Nahal*.

This was done after the Defence Minister, Mr. Ben Gurion, the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Yigael Yadin and other staff officers addressed the Committee on the *Nahal*, the Army's "pioneer youth battalions" (Noar Halutzi Lohem).

## New Stock Issue Announced by PEC

The Palestine Electric Corporation has announced the issue of 600,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each at IL.1.500 per share. The subscription lists for these shares will open on Friday and will close on December 25, 1951. Applications from existing holders of the Corporation's Ordinary Shares or Stock or "A" Ordinary Stock will receive preferential consideration, it is announced in an advertisement on page 4 today. The A.P.B. Investment Company Ltd. has underwritten the entire issue.

## Arab Minority Well Off—Ben Gurion

**The Prime Minister told Arab members in the Knesset yesterday that the Arab minority in Israel was better off than the Arabs in any of their own states.**

He was speaking in reply to a debate on a motion to extend until the end of 1952 the Emergency Regulations fixing security zones along the borders. Mr. Rustum Bastuni, an Arab Mapam member, had claimed that there was discrimination against Arabs in the military areas.

Mr. Ben Gurion said that the education, health and social services offered the Arabs in Israel were better than they got in any Arab State. He said Israel wanted peace with the neighbouring Arab states and that unbridled talk of discrimination such as that of Mr. Bastuni incited the Arabs and impeded peace.

In the course of the debate, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Levi Eshkol, announced that prices paid to Arab farmers would henceforth be equal to those paid to Jews.

The bill was sent to Committee, opposed only by the Communists.

## Spaak Resigns Presidency Of Europe Assembly; Wants Unity

STRASBOURG, Tuesday (Reuter). — M. Paul Spaak, the former Belgian Socialist Premier, caused a political surprise today by resigning his position of President of the European Consultative Assembly. In a speech delivered on the last day of the Council of Europe's 1951 session, M. Spaak accused Britain of failing to give practical backing to the cause of European unity, and condemned the Assembly itself for being too timid in going forward with unity schemes.

M. Spaak said that he wanted to be free to take his place in the struggle for a united Europe.

British delegates later replied with restraint to M. Spaak's attack and the Assembly appealed unanimously to him to reconsider his position.

Paul Henri Spaak

The British reply to M. Spaak was made during this afternoon's debate in the Assembly on a new draft statute for the Council of Europe. The Assembly accepted a report on the draft by a two-thirds majority and it will now go before the Committee of Foreign Ministers for final decision.

The report provides for a new executive body of high commissioners to control such international organizations as may be set up by Council treaties.

The big majority given to the report surprised most observers since the provisions for high commissioners had been attacked, especially by British delegates. In the final voting, however, the British either abstained or assented.

The Assembly also recommended unanimously that Austria be invited to join the Council of Europe.

While the three larger countries are in favour of a closely integrated treaty and authority, the Benelux states oppose this.

## Harriman Completes NATO Report

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — After working through the night, Mr. Averell Harriman, Coordinator of the Mutual Security Programme, completed by yesterday morning the draft report by the North Atlantic Pact "3 wise men" on rearmament in the West.

A spokesman at General Eisenhower's NATO Headquarters here last night could not comment on unconfirmed stories that the report envisaged a reduction in the estimated 40 divisions to be available to General Eisenhower by the end of 1952.

"I do not think the report could say that," the spokesman commented. "We should have between 25 and 30 divisions by the end of this year and 40 by the end of 1952. We cannot tell definitely how many we shall have. So far things are going well in spite of some difficulties."

**BRITISH MINISTER TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS**

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The new British Minister, Sir Francis Evans, will present his Letters of Credence to the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, who is acting in place of the President, at Hakirya on Friday morning.

Sir Francis paid a courtesy call at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

The new Rumanian Minister, M. Constantin Stanescu, is due here tomorrow to take up his duties. He is expected to present his Letters of Credence in December 21. M. Stanescu has until now served as Counsellor at the Rumanian Legation in Teheran.

## Israel Replies To Russia on SACME

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Israel reply to the Soviet note on the establishment of SACME was delivered by Dr. Shmuel Eliashiv, Minister to the Soviet Union, to M. V. Zorin, Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, in Moscow two days ago, the Foreign Ministry announced here tonight.

It is understood that the text of the Israel reply will not be made public while talks on this matter are still in progress.

The reply, it is learned here, was in the form of a *note verable*, followed by an *aide memoire*.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman here yesterday had denied that the Israel reply had been handed over. The cable informing the Foreign Ministry of the transmission of the note on Sunday was apparently received at Hakirya only today.

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## Social & Personal

Mr. S. Ben Ezr, the Charge d'Affaires in Budapest has been appointed to the same post in India.

Mr. Bert Locker, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem left for the U.S. by T.W.A. yesterday, to attend the United Jewish Appeal conference which opens in Atlantic City on Friday. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Executive in the U.S. left by Swiss Air for Zurich yesterday, after a 27-hour visit here during which he reported to the Prime Minister on his talks with Mr. John McCloy, the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany.

Congressmen Kenneth B. Keating and Donald O'Toole, accompanied by Mr. Horace Smith, of the State Department, left by special American military plane for Beirut yesterday, after a two-day visit to Israel.

Mr. Igor Markevitch made his first appearance as guest conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra last night, in the first concert of the fourth subscription series.

Miss Hazel Scott, the American pianist, yesterday addressed the Israel Film and Art Club in Tel Aviv.

Mr. J.A. O'Connor, Land Settlement Officer during the Mandate, has arrived from Canada with his wife on a short visit. They are staying at the Gal Yam Hotel in Nathanya.

Matate'a new production "It Happened in Tel Aviv" was presented in Tel Aviv last night.

Mr. S. Kleinschmidt of Orient Lloyd has returned from a trip to Europe.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club will observe Human Rights Day at its weekly luncheon at the King David Hotel today, with an address by Mr. Daniel Auster, chairman of the U.N. Association in Israel.

Mr. E. Livneh, MK, will speak on "Fundamental Changes in the Economy of Israel" at tomorrow's meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club.

Dr. T. Brosh (Broczyner), Deputy Commissioner for Income Tax, will lecture in Hebrew on "The Proposed Amendment to the Income Tax Ordinance" tonight at 8.30 at the Touring Club in Talbieh, Jerusalem.

### BIRTH

LEWIN — To Antoinette, wife of Mr. Bernhard D. Lewin, of New York, a daughter — Leora-Yael, December 10 1951.

### MARRIAGE

ANGEL—BECKER

On Tuesday, December 11, Ovadia — youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Angel to Ada — daughter of the late Henry I. Becker.

## 20,000 DUNAMS TO BE RECLAIMED BY UK JEWS

An area of 20,000 dunams in the vicinity of Hartuv in the Jerusalem Corridor is being reclaimed with the financial help of English Jewry and is to be named "Hevel Shimon" in honour of the English Zionist leader, Sir Simon Marks.

A testimonial was presented to Sir Simon at a Jewish National Fund conference held recently in London, addressed by Dr. A. Granott, Chairman of the Fund. A diploma of merit for 50 years of service to the J.N.F. was presented to the Reverend J. H. Goldbloum.

# State Comptroller Notes Improvements in Services

By MOSHE BRILLIANT

MOST of the deficiencies in Government administration mentioned in the State Comptroller's report last year have either been rectified or improved the Comptroller, Dr. Siegfried Moses, said in an interview in Jerusalem.

Dr. Moses, whose second report will be submitted to the Knesset, Finance Committee next month, said he was unable to discuss instances of no improvement, but that his new report would deal with them.

The irregularities in the Ministry of Supply and Rationing, which received considerable attention during the past year following the publication of an exchange of correspondence between the Minister, Dr. Dov Joseph, and the Comptroller, were rectified. They were of an administrative nature such as the over-centralization of accounts. The practice of employing officials on a temporary basis outside the framework of the national budget by diverting funds from trading accounts to salaries was stopped.

The Comptroller, unlike his colleagues in most other countries, does not only audit accounts and check their legality, but also deals with administrative efficiency. A special section which handles this problem is headed by a Swiss expert.

In the course of the investigations for their next report, the Comptroller's staff found a marked improvement in the speed of processing applications for import and export permits, something that had been criticized in the last report. They found that the average time for handling requests for the import of iron was reduced from 57 to 31 days; steel from 61 to 27 days; electrical equipment from 59 to 33 days; chemicals from 47 to 36 days and textiles from 35 to 24 days.

To a great extent, the improvement followed action on recommendations made by the Comptroller's efficiency experts. The decrease in the number of applications was also a factor, however.

**The auditors found that there is still much room for improvement. The next report is expected to contain several suggestions for cutting down the number of operations required to process an application in some cases by as much as 40 per cent.**

With regard to the recommendations for the award of Government contracts and for purchases, the system of public tenders has been developed in accordance with the Comptroller's recommendations, but only preliminary measures have been taken to organize central purchasing, an innovation which is calculated to prove more economical.

**The Army has also acted on the Comptroller's recommendations in several matters, including the organization of an inventory system.**

FROM YESTERDAY'S PRESS:

# Restitution Negotiations Require Direct Contact with German Representatives

Dealing with the problem of reparations from Germany, "Herut" says that "the only reason for the negotiations on reparations is the wish of the bankrupt Mapai leadership to continue in power."

"Hakol" (Agudat Israel) says that those who favour negotiations assume that the reparations will benefit our economy. It is most unlikely, says the paper, that Germany will be willing to pay any considerable sum. The paper complains, moreover that of the sums already paid nothing has been received by orthodox Jewry.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) deals with "the way to get restitution." If the Government had made its demands two years ago, it is more likely that we would now be getting restitution funds. There has **hardly ever been a more** justified demand in history. The Government hesitated, however, and it is further impeded, says "Ha'aretz," by those who do not oppose reparations from Germany in principle, but illogically ask that we obtain them without negotiating with the German authorities.

It is difficult for "Ha'aretz" to understand the opposition of some of the press to any contact with Dr. Adenauer. As far as Adenauer, the man, is concerned, it is well known that he never was a Nazi and was compelled by them to withdraw from politics. The problem itself, complicated as it is, cannot be solved without direct contact.

Our Government may be **charged with many "errors,"** "Ha'aretz" asserts, but it **certainly cannot be accused of** not having preserved our national honour. There is no reason to fear that it will not **preserve** it in negotiations with German representatives.

### Political Strike

"Hador" (Mapai) criticizes the "attempts of the Seamen's Union to create the impression that trade unions abroad are supporting them." Greetings and promises of help have been received, to be sure, but only from Communist organisations and not by a single *bona fide*, non-state-dominated trade union. This fact makes the entirely political character of the dispute even more obvious, the paper says. These greetings and promises of help were, moreover, sent neither to the Seamen's Union nor to Mapam, alleges "Hador," but directly to Mrs. Esther Vilenska, an Israel Communist Party leader, which makes any further comment superfluous.

"Hador" says that many of the rank and file seamen have undoubtedly followed their leaders without closely examining their anti-Israel and anti-Histadrut line. The paper expresses the hope that pressure from below will compel the leaders of the Union to end this dangerous and harmful dispute.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) and "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) also deal with the Haifa dispute in almost identical editorials. Both papers protest against the alleged witch hunt conducted by the Mapai majority in the Histadrut Executive against the Seamen's Union.

The Ben Gurion police regime, led by the American warmongers, is acting against our national interests," says the Communist paper; while "Al Hamishmar" declares that nobody in this country asked for outside help, but the Communist trade unions alone understood that workers were striking to defend their legitimate interests. "Al Hamishmar," accuses the Histadrut "apparatus" of not wanting sincerely to end the present dispute.

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### TABLE TENNIS

Tel Aviv Maccabi North gained an easy win against neighbours, Jaffa Hapoel, in a table tennis tournament last week-end, winning by eight games to one.

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The Israel Pound dropped still further on the Geneva Exchange last week. It was quoted at 2.40 Swiss Francs up to December 1, but dropped to 2.25 (51 cents) on December 3, and remained at that figure all week. Quotations on December 7, in Swiss Francs, were:

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| United States (dollar) | 4.282 |
| Great Britain (pound) | 10.32 |
| France (100 fr.) | 1.60 |
| West Germany (100 pfk.) | 85.00 |
| Belgium (100 fr.) | 8.00 |
| Holland ((100 guilden) | 104.75 |
| Sweden (100 kronor) | 69.50 |
| Italy (100 lire) | 0.63 |
| Austria (100 sch.) | 13.20 |
| Czechoslovakia (100 cr.) | 0.70 |
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| Brazil (100 crizeiros) | 14.60 |
| Turkey (Turk. pound) | 2.05 |

## Where to Go

**JERUSALEM**

6-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Romema, Bus 2A. Feeding time: 2-3 p.m.

9-1, 3-5: Exhibition of oil paintings by van Haardt, Paris. Exhibit of the Month: Jewish Bronze Lamp, 3rd cent. Bezalel Museum.

9-2; 4-6: Archaeological Exhibition: Dept. of Antiquities: 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

10-5: Sanhedria Tombs.

10-1; 4-7: Exhibition of Printed Graphic by Israel artists & Exhibition of Silk-screen prints by Joel Rohr at the Artists' House.

11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel: Keren Hayesod Head Office.

**TEL AVIV**

10-4: Retrospective exhibition of the works of Joseph Zwetzki: Israel Collection; Diaspora Artists' Paintings; Selected Works of English and American Painters; Art in the 19th and 20th Cent.; Old Paintings, Bezalel Museum.

8 p.m.: "Of Mice and Men", Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

**HAIFA**

8 a.m.-4.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library—Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

11 a.m.-6 p.m.: Exhibition of paintings by A. Milich, Museum, Town Hall.

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**VOICE OF AMERICA:** Hebrew Programme: 8—8.30 p.m. (13.55, 16.85, 16.91, 19.82 & 25.55 M. from U.S.A.; 31.20 & 41.25 from Tangiers.)

**UNITED NATIONS:** Hebrew Programme: 8.15 a.m. (25.37 m. and 30.93 m.)

**JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 43.5, 31.3 & 522 M. & 44.6 M.:** 8.30 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 12.30 Piano Duets (R). 10.45 Southern Rhythm (R). 11.00 Concert Hall: Clarinet Concerto (Mozart); Variations on a Theme by Mozart (Reger). 12.00 N. Break for Music (R). 13.30 Programme for Working Women. 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme (R). 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 2.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Dance Music (R). 4.30 Chess Corner. 4.45 Vocal Recital: Raphael Rosenblatt. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.30 Recital: Avraham Melamed & Sara Rodankin-Rabinovits. 6.15 Sports. 6.50 Children's Hour. 7.00 Popular Education. 7.45 Book Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 Ministers' Talks. 9.00 Folk Melodies & Songs by the Yugoslav Dance Group. 9.45 Viola Recital: Gideon Roehr. 10.15 Cantoral Request Programme. 11.05 Close Down.

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| Haifa | — | 12 | 19 | 19 |
| Hathanya | 70 | 11 | 22 | 22 |
| Tel Aviv Port | 78 | 13 | 20 | 20 |
| Lydda Airport | 68 | 9 | 21 | 21 |
| Jerusalem | 58 | 9 | 16 | 15 |
| Beersheba | — | 5 | 17 | 18 |

**Forecast:** Partly cloudy to cloudy with light local showers in the North, generally partly cloudy in the central part of the country.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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**Black market** "steaks," sold at IL.1,500 in some Beersheba restaurants, have turned out to be donkey meat.

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**Ulrich Shtaiger,** 21, of Ramat Gan was sentenced to seven days in prison by the Tel Aviv Magistrate for using offensive language against a policeman who had warned him to cross the street at an authorized point.

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**IL.600-worth** of undershirts was stolen from the entrance to the Itzhak Markuze knitting factory in Rehov Nahlat Benyamin in Tel Aviv yesterday while the watchman went inside the building for a moment.

## VILLAGER KILLED BY TENDER

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Fatmi Hassan Salam, 50, of Kari Village, near Karkur was fatally injured when she was runover by an Army tender on the Wadi Ara road yesterday afternoon. She died on the way to hospital. The driver was detained.

## Pictures of Germans Removed From Street

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — A note saying "We shall not allow photos of murderers in our streets", in Hebrew and Russian was slipped beneath the door of the Polish Consulate here this morning. Consulate officials told police that the glass of the information board in front of the Consulate was broken last night and a picture showing the German delegation to the "Democratic Youth Festival in Berlin" was removed.

## Ration News

**Jerusalem**—Tomatoes: 250 grams, Kaf 12, zone 6. Carrots: 150 grams, 706, 707, zones 5 and 8. Clementinas: 500 grams Kaf 2, zones 2, 10. Vegetable Marrows: 250 grams, 708, 709, zone 10. Egg powder: 100 grams, no coupon needed; visitors, 15. Biscuits: 200 grams, no coupon needed; visitors 18. Sweets or halvah: 100 grams, no coupons needed, visitors, 17.

**Adults** may register for milk in the Haifa, Samaria, Northern and Southern districts between December 16 and January 15 at any Tnuva branch or with any milk vendor, children may be registered at all stations distributing full-milk powder to children. Announcements regarding the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv districts will be made later.

## Personal Notices

### A RECEPTION

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# Five Ships Tied Up in Ports As Strike Enters Second Month

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The seamen's dispute, by far the costliest that has hit the country's economy, is this week entering its second month with five ships tied up — two in Haifa (the s.s. Rimon and s.s. Tel Aviv), the s.s. Dromit in Trieste, the s.s. Haifa in Baltimore and the s.s. Yaffo in New York. The Seamen's Union today received a telegram from the Yaffo crew that they were striking, and that they would resist the owners' attempt to bring stevedores aboard.

Asked whether they would agree to authorize the unloading of the urgently needed newsprint on the s.s. Tel Aviv, the seamen's spokesman said the ship brought only 28 tons which were stored in the bottom of the hold. It would take 12 days to unload all the cargo on top of it. While they were prepared to discharge the newsprint, they would not agree to touch any other cargo.

A senior police officer stated here that no reports had been received of strikers using violence in the homes of volunteers. Referring to minor clashes that occur, the officer said that it was not always the volunteers who got beaten up. The police attach no importance to these fights and do not interfere.

### Strikers' Cards

The Seamen's Union today issued the first 150 strikers' cards which will be signed and stamped weekly to check whether strikers are remaining ashore. The cards provide space for six months.

Two former members of the Union Secretariat who are now in the Army, Turai Nimrod Eshel and Turai Yehezkel Arkin, are using two days' leave from the training depot to take part in talks with the organizing committee of the new Histadrut Seamen's Union. There is no indication from either side that any headway was made.

The seamen's spokesman also said that the Union paid the return fares for the three Italian officers whom Shoham engaged, but who on arrival declined to serve.

### Shlonsky Arrested

Avraham Shlonsky, the poet, was arrested shortly after midnight last night, for taking part in yesterday's unauthorized meeting near the Mograbi Cinema in Tel Aviv, in favour of the striking seamen. He was arrested when he returned home late last night and was released in IL.50 bail some three hours later. He is charged with making a speech at an illegal meeting.

Four other men arrested for interfering with the police during the same meeting were also released in bail early this morning.

## Ministry Plans Cuts In Jerusalem Power

The urgent need for the appointment of a public committee to draw up a plan for regular power restrictions in Jerusalem was stressed at a conference yesterday of Mayor S. Z. Shragai and Mr. A. Singer, General Manager of the Jerusalem Electric and Public Service Corporation.

It is also understood that an ordinance on the restrictions has been drawn up by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and is being studied by the Ministry of Justice before being gazetted. The order is not expected to be as drastic as that in effect in other parts of the country.

Mr. Singer also explained the cause of the continuing interruptions of current to all parts of the capital at varying hours. A diesel engine whose breakdown caused the interruptions, is in the process of repair and may take several more days. But the danger of new breakdowns and the poor condition of much of the equipment necessitates regular restrictions.

## Three-Day Stock Of Newsprint On Hand

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Israelis may be without their daily newspapers next week, if speedy action is not taken by the Government to produce supplies from any source, the Newspapers' Editors Committee said today. The paper required is newsprint in reels. Stocks on hand will last only until the end of this week.

A consignment of 130 tons, sufficient for a few weeks, was ordered in the U.S. and should have been shipped to Israel some weeks ago, but was held up in the U.S. for three weeks, owing to the American dockers' strike. Twenty-eight tons of paper have now arrived in Haifa aboard the s.s. Tel Aviv, strikebound in the port. Newsprint is normally carried among the bottom cargo, and several days off-loading will probably be required before this cargo is brought out of the vessel.

### Turnover Drops

The quantity of goods imported through Haifa Port has dropped to such an extent that nearly half of the dockworkers had to be laid off during the last 10 days, it is learned. Most of the casual labour has been discharged and only permanent workers have been retained. Turnover has dropped from an average of 5,000 tons to roughly 3,000.

The chief reason for this decline, unusual during the winter season, is the temporary decrease in imports, the recent dockers' strike in New York, a one week pause in citrus exports to avoid their arrival in the U.K. at Christmas and, to a lesser extent, the seamen's strike.

## WOMAN BOUND OVER FOR LEAVING CHILD

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — A mother who abandoned her eight-month-old child was bound over in IL.40 to be of good behaviour for two years by the Magistrate here today. The accused, a 36-year old resident of Jaffa, was deserted by her husband some months ago. When she broke her arm, and allegedly obtained no help from any public institution, she abandoned the child near her husband's place of employment.

## Artzah Brings 220 Hungarian Immigrants

HAIFA, Tuesday. — About 220 immigrants from Hungary arrived in the s.s. Artzah here this afternoon. They are part of the group of 3,000 Jews who received permission to leave for Israel. The last 300 of the group are expected to come within several weeks.

About 25 per cent of today's newcomers are over 55 years of age. There were many families with children. Most of the immigrants looked fairly well dressed and seemed very happy to have been able to come. Some of them applied for permits four years ago. They were allowed to take with them personal effects to the value of about IL.200.

They reported that about 170,000 Jews still lived in Hungary, 120,000 in Budapest. About 70,000 had applied for permission to go to Israel, but prospects were not promising. The newcomers were unanimous in their praise for the efforts of the Israel Legation on their behalf.

The Artzah also brought 20 hard-core cases from Germany, who will be cared for by Malben. Another 97 immigrants on board came from other European countries including Bulgaria and Poland.

## 227,000 Processed By Agency Last Year

More than 227,310 immigrants were processed by the Jewish Agency Absorption Department last year, it was announced yesterday. Of these, 132,640 were absorbed in ma'barot and 28,640 in immigrant camps which, during the year, were converted into work camps or transition camps.

Settlements founded by the Keren Hayesod — workers', immigrants' and collective settlements — absorbed 17,326 newcomers.

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## GOOD ADVICE AT RIGHT MOMENT

RAMLE, Tuesday (ITIM). — Three families had a lucky escape today, when they left their house just before it collapsed. They had been ordered out of the building by the Town Engineer, who was on an inspection tour.

About 150 other families are now living in houses considered to be dangerous here. Mayor M. Meiamed has appealed urgently to the Ministries of Finance, Labour and the Interior, for the establishment of a special committee to investigate the immediate construction of houses for these families.

## *One More Must On the Agenda*

There are eleven days left until Hanukka. *The Post*-Sa'ad Home Aid Society Fund must organize distribution of toys, order layettes and other equipment and get all these gifts to the *ma'barot* in time for the holiday. Perhaps you have been so rushed that collecting toys and delivering them has seemed like THAT extra job for which there just wasn't time. Please do bring your toys and games to a collection center of any of the offices of *The Jerusalem Post* as soon as possible.

The effort may seem great — but the joy with which these Hanukka presents will be received by children in *ma'barot* and work villages should be more than adequate compensation for squeezing one more "must" into tomorrow's agenda.

Total of cash contributions received so far is IL.5,339.993.
(List of contributors—Page 2)

## Kol Israel Chief To Head Advisory Body

Dr. M. Soliell has submitted his resignation as Director of Kol Israel and is expected to resume the salaried position of chairman of the broadcasting service's public advisory committee, it was learned yesterday in Jerusalem.

This body, which has been relatively inactive since its establishment several years ago, is expected to become a regularly functioning organization. A number of resignations, including that of Mr. Karel Salomon, another member of the Kol Israel directorate, are reported to have been withdrawn by the persons involved until the reorganization is effected.

The appointment of a new director is expected to be announced by the end of the month.

## Stowaways Caught In Haifa, Rome

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — Yitzhak Aviezer, of Givat Rambam, who was caught climbing aboard the s.s. Tudor Prince, anchored off Jaffa, with the intention of leaving the country, was bound over in IL.100 to be of good behaviour for one year by the Magistrate's Court here today.

The accused, who reached the vessel in a small boat, told the Court that since his discharge from the Army he has been unable to find work. He said he was wounded in the war.

Italian police today found an Israel stowaway in the luggage compartment of an American airliner. He was Gabi Ya'acov Itzhak, a Bulgarian, A.P. reported yesterday.

Police at Lydda Airport, who heard of the stowaway only this afternoon, refused to comment tonight.

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## London Divided On Iran Issue

By POST Correspondent

LONDON, Tuesday. — "The Times" reported yesterday that Mr. Robert Garner, the Vice-President of the International Bank has visited London for conversations on the subject of an interim settlement of the Persian oil dispute. The aim of these has been to achieve interim aid for Iran, with the International Bank acting as trustee, in order to start the flow of oil.

Mr. Garner was given the necessary information at a high-level Foreign Office conference. Opinion in policy-making British circles has been divided between a current favouring "letting the Persians stew in their own juice," and one favouring "making the best of a bad job."

The latter is inclined to accept compensation and is looking with one eye towards a future relationship with Iran. Compensation involves saving the Persians from complete bankruptcy.

Now that indignation against Persia has cooled somewhat, the second current, with U.S. approval, is uppermost.

The last word, however, still remains with the Persians, who may veto the scheme, especially as it would probably entail the use of A.I.O.C. staff.

## Miami Veterans Join Guard After Bombing

MIAMI, FLORIDA, Tuesday (INA). — Dade County, in which Miami is located, has deputized 50 war veterans to establish a 24-hour guard on synagogues here, after the attempt on Sunday to bomb the Jewish centre in Coral Gables, Miami suburb.

Local officials, aided by the F.B.I., have intensified the hunt for the terrorists. The deputies have been authorized to make arrests but not to carry weapons.

The police are still apparently without a clue as to the perpetrators. The City Council has appropriated an additional $5,000 to cover extra police expenses in providing protection and seeking criminals, while the rewards posted for the apprehension of the criminals have reached the sum of $8,300.

## Orthodox Get Lead In Rosh Ha'Ayin

PETAH TIKVA, Tuesday (ITIM). — The Religious Bloc headed the polls at Rosh Ha'Ayin yesterday when 671 votes (48 per cent) were cast for it in the elections for a nine-man Local Council. Mapai received 646 (46 per cent), the Yemenite list 45 (3 per cent) and Mapam 21 (1.5 per cent).

Of the total of 3,600 eligible voters, 1,399, or 39 per cent, cast their vote. Thirteen envelopes were empty and three were invalidated.

The low percentage of voters is thought to be due to the fact that about 1,000 eligible voters left the area after the lists were prepared. There were only three polling stations for the large village area.

The new council will be composed of five Religious Bloc members and four of Mapai.

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3) "Ha'olei Artzeau" Factory, Givat Shaul (dining-room) at 7.30 p.m. for the residents of Givat Shaul.
4) Histadrut Building, Ein Karem at 6 p.m. for the residents of Ein Karem.

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## 25,000 Homeless In Philippine Typhoon

MANILA, Tuesday (Reuter). — First Red Cross reports of yesterday's typhoon said that 25,000 people were homeless in the main towns of the islands of Cebu, Iloilo and Bacolod.

All the bamboo and palm houses had been demolished by the high winds and driving rain and many wooden houses had also collapsed.

Outlying districts were cut off by damage to communications and casualty totals were not likely to be available for several days. In one group of islands alone 20 fatal casualties have been confirmed.

## Sudanese Intensify U.N. Activities

PARIS, Tuesday, (UP). — Sudanese Unionist delegation, which stands for Sudan's unification with Egypt, embarked on a full-fledged campaign yesterday to win the support of other Sudanese factions for an early plebiscite on the land's future status.

Emissaries of the Unionist Party said they were attempting to establish a joint front with the Umma Party, which stands for Sudan's complete independence, to agree with an Egyptian proposal for a plebiscite to be held shortly—after both Egypt and Britain will have withdrawn their forces and officials from the country.

## Two Orders Nisi Issued Villagers

Two orders nisi were issued by the High Court in Jerusalem yesterday to an inhabitant of Kabul, near Acre, and to three villagers from Majd el-Krum, near Safad, who had failed to receive their identity cards.

In the first case, the application stated that registration officials had run out of forms and later refused to issue the petitioner an identity card. In the Majd el-Krum application, the villagers declared that they were deported in January, 1949 have not been able to get cards.

The Court, composed of Justices Agranat, Assaf and Silberg also granted interim orders to prevent the applicants' deportation pending a final decision. Mr. H. D. Nakarrah appeared for the villagers in both cases.

### ARAB BANKS CLOSED

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday ordered the liquidation of the Arab National Bank, Ltd. and of the Arab Bank, Ltd.

In granting the Attorney General's application against the Banks, the Court pointed out that the Directors and the majority of the shareholders are "absentees" and that the Banks had stopped doing business in May 1948.

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## U.S. To Hold New Atom Tests

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Mr. Gordon Dean, Chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, announced yesterday that the U.S. would hold a new series of atomic tests next spring. He would not say whether the tests would be held in Nevada or the Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

The recent series of atomic tests in Nevada had already had a "substantial effect" on the U.S. programme for the development of weapons, he said.

"We have learned a lot of things about the design of weapons which we have already incorporated," Mr. Dean stated. He sidestepped a question on whether the U.S. now had atomic artillery shells.

Mr. Dean added that the U.S. had a "substantial advantage" in atomic weapons to maintain it. Atomic-powered submarines and aircraft would be completed "eventually."

Asked how work on the Hydrogen bomb was progressing, Mr. Dean laughed and said "Oh, lovely." But he immediately added that his comment must not be taken seriously. "We are continuing to work under the directive of the President to determine the feasibility of a thermonuclear (Hydrogen) weapon," he said.

## Schmorak Report And Reply Soon

The earliest possible publication of the Schmorak report together with the Jewish Agency's reply was ordered by the Praesidium of the Zionist General Council at its meeting yesterday in Jerusalem.

Dr. Schmorak, who, on leaving the post of Agency Comptroller on December 1, had charged that the three-man committee appointed to make the stylistic changes in the report had omitted entire chapters and appended comments to other sections, thus changing their meaning.

The Praesidium also accepted the recommendation of the Agency Executive to permit Dr. Schmorak to publish his own version of the report, if he wished to do so, "on his own responsibility."

Mr. Joseph Sprinzak presided.

Members of the Forces obtaining private arms licences are exempt from paying licence fees, it has been announced.

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## *Cables in Brief*

**SENTENCE** — The Italian Bishop, Lawrence Bianchi, who recently became Bishop of Hongkong, has been sentenced to six months jail by Communist authorities in South China, according to unconfirmed reports to the Chinese press in Hongkong.

**RIOT** — Nineteen persons were injured, four of them seriously, when Communists broke up a Gaullist meeting at Saint Etienne. They cut off the electricity and then played fire hoses on the Gaullists.

**ANNIVERSARY** — The British Royal couple yesterday celebrated the 15th anniversary of their coronation.

**ACCIDENT** — A 16-year-old boy at Auxerre was choked to death when he fell into a barley silo and was swallowed up by the grains.

## Rightists Plot to Blow Up Munich Parliament

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Armed police were called out last night to surround the Bavarian Parliament in Munich, after a warning of a "rightist gunpowder plot" to blow up the building, according to a late despatch this morning to the London "News Chronicle."

Munich was the birthplace of Hitler's Nazi party. The paper said that guards would remain on duty throughout the parliamentary session, which begins tomorrow and goes on until Friday.

## Dr. Buber Awarded Hanse Prize

Dr. Martin Buber, Professor Emeritus of the Hebrew University, has been awarded the Hanse Prize, given by the City of Hamburg in memory of Goethe.

Professor Buber, writer and poet, social philosopher, teacher of ethics and religious mystic, first made a name in Germany, where for many years he occupied a respected place in the world of scholarship at Frankfort before coming to Jerusalem. He is now on a visit to the U.S.

The Carmel film studio is to move from the Montefiore Quarter in Tel Aviv to Nathanya, on a plot of land donated by the Municipality.

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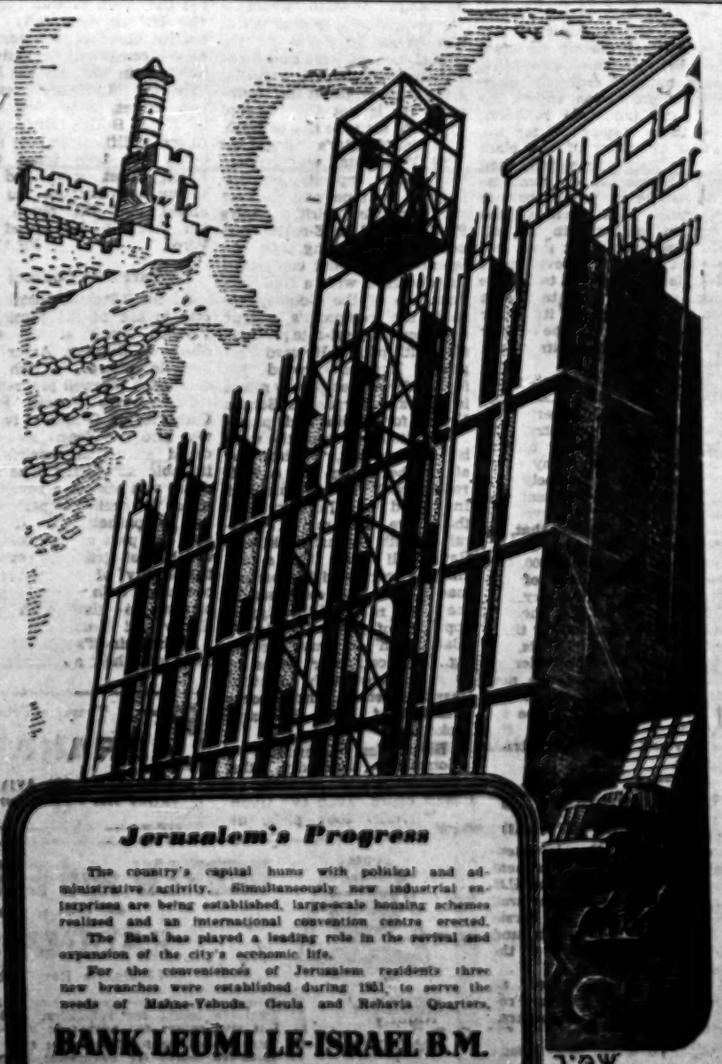

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## POTASH PARTNERSHIP

THE agreement between the Government and the Palestine Potash Company will be welcomed unreservedly, not only as the long overdue conclusion of difficult negotiations, but mainly as an important step forward towards the expansion of the productive capacity of the country and especially its foreign currency earning capacity. It is to be expected that the Company's shareholders will accept the proposals, so that the actual reconstruction of the Company and the resumption of work at the southern end of the Dead Sea can be effectuated without any further delay.

In the light of these developments, the report of the Company for the year 1950 which will be submitted to shareholders at the end of this month cannot claim much more than historical interest, its figures being the melancholy expression of a complete standstill and substantial financial losses. One of these figures, however, namely £79,635 put aside for British income tax in 1949, will no longer appear in future reports, when the concern has become an Israeli Company liable to taxation in this country. The change in the legal status represents only one aspect of the transaction. Even more important is the new structure of the Company which can best be described as a partnership between the Government of Israel and the shareholders. It should be remembered that the issued share capital of the old Company consisted of £610,000 Ordinary Shares and £390,000 Preference Shares, with a general reserve of £197,773 at the end of 1950. Under the terms of the agreement, all assets and liabilities are taken over by a new company in which the Government holds 51 per cent of the voting shares and appoints a majority of members of the Board of Directors.

It must be emphasized that the reconstruction scheme is in no way conceived as nationalization. A complete transfer of ownership was indeed suggested, but the Government was well advised in rejecting this radical course. On the other hand, a controlling interest had to be secured for several reasons. In the first place, in a country with few natural resources, the Dead Sea minerals, or one day perhaps, oil, exploitation constitutes a vital factor in economic development and does in fact belong to the people. Moreover, in a partnership of this nature, the necessary coordination between those responsible on a national scale for planning of production, export policy, and industrial relations, and those responsible for the actual operation of the plant can be easier achieved than would be possible in a combination where a purely private enterprise finds itself all too often in conflict with the official machinery. But most important of all the Government itself is now expected to find the large sums required to restart the Sdom works and its 51 per cent share may even be smaller proportionally than its actual investment.

In its more than twenty years history, the Potash Company, one of the great pioneering industries of the country, has known difficult times, and it was harder hit than any other by enemy action, precisely at a time when its development was more promising than ever before. If it is recalled that, in 1948, exports had reached 68,830 tons at a value of £863,000, that the mineral resources of the Dead Sea amount to many millions of tons, and that there is an increasing demand for these products in world markets, the hope is justified that, under an efficient management, the new partnership will make an important contribution to the industrial development of the country and to its foreign trade balance.

## U.S. Undertakes To Drill Wells in Iran

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The State Department announced today that the U.S. would undertake a water well drilling programme in Persia to "improve the health and agricultural production of the Iranian peasant."

It would be carried out as part of the Point Four Programme for technical cooperation.

The Department said a contract had been signed with an American contractor, Mr. J. L. Richards, for the start of a long-range programme to provide water for villages and farms.

# International Meeting Of 'Big Business'

By KENNETH HARRIS

WASHINGTON. — ANYBODY straying into the ornate ballroom of the famous Hotel Pierre in New York last week might have thought he had stumbled on some peculiar U.N. session — flags, flashlights, interpreters' booths, and a crowd of intent-looking men twiddling the knobs of their translating radio sets. A second glance, however, would have dispelled the illusion. There were only 19 flags on the platform instead of 60. There was no Soviet Union pennant; there was a German. This was not a U.N. session but the first International Conference of Manufacturers.

This conference is not run by the American Economic Cooperation Administration, the Governmental agency which has worked with European Governments to carry out the Marshall Plan. Though the E.C.A. has encouraged and assisted it, this conference is the work of American private enterprise. The American Association of Manufacturers invited prominent business and industrial chiefs—360 of them — from 17 European countries and from Iceland to come to the U.S. to discuss methods of increasing Europe's productivity not only with the aim of making Europe capable of playing her full part in the rearmament programme, but of promoting a higher standard of living for all classes which is the best guarantee against internal unrest which in turn may lead to Communist attack from within.

### No Workers

The other thing that makes this conference different from all others is that these men are not manual workers, engineers, or technicians, but directors, chairmen of boards, or owners.

Mr. Paul Hoffman, who opened the conference, has three qualifications for speaking frankly to European industrialists. First, he is a man who made himself a millionaire by becoming an industrialist of the first order—he built up the Studebaker automobile industry. Secondly, as first administrator of the Marshall Plan he has better first-hand knowledge of European industry at all levels, than any American or even most Europeans. Thirdly, as an unfailing champion of Europe's needs and the impresario of Europe's achievements before the most searching of Congressional committees, he has shown himself to be Europe's friend.

Everybody had copies of Mr. Hoffman's speech, which was thoroughly prepared. Though he kept to the theme, he never looked at his speech. Some of its points were blunt, but his impromptu remarks, all delivered with great animation and enthusiasm, were a good deal blunter.

Without going into details, Mr. Hoffman's criticisms of European industrialists are quite simple and by now well known. He thinks that they do not use enough imagination and enterprise and do not allow enough competition. They go in for small output giving high profits instead of making as little profit as is feasible on each article and thus encouraging the largest possible number of people to buy the goods, in turn widening the demand, and consequently stimulating production. Instead of expanding output and looking for new markets, or increasing the old ones by enterprising salesmanship and by making goods more attractive, European industrialists share the old market by coming to arrangements with one another that Jones will not sell goods here and Smith will not sell them there. They fix prices and keep them fixed. They do not give the workers a large enough share of profits, i.e. incentives to work harder. They will not invest in new machinery because the old is "good enough."

### Different Conditions

What it boils down to is that, in Mr. Hoffman's view, European industrialists should abandon the "highly civilized competition that prevails in most of your countries in favour of the uncomfortable form of competition that we have in the U.S."

How far Mr. Hoffman is correct in his analysis and how far American methods of salesmanship, market research, public relations and so on described by the team of American industrialists who followed him are relevant to Europe are debatable questions. It is debatable, too, whether the explanations given by the European industrialists at the conference — Europe, especially since the blasting her industry took in World War Two, lacks America's vast market, stable conditions, natural resources, raw materials, educated population and her capital — are the complete answer to the question. These matters have yet to be thrashed out. What is significant, however, is that for the first time, European industrial leaders have been given a remarkable pep talk, not by a politician, or a civil servant or a soldier, but by a businessman talking to them "as one businessman to another." They have now been told quite clearly that no amount of talking to workers and technicians and no amount of American aid will solve Europe's productivity problem if her industrial leaders do not start moving at an unprecedented rate.

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# Readers' Letters

### SQUATTERS' LAW

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — In reply to the letter from Mr. Yitzhak Woolfson, "Accommodation Aid," I would like to point out that many of us would be willing to help.

I, who came here about 25 years ago, cannot forget the warmth and help which I received then from the people here, and naturally would like to do the same for others. I also know of many homes where children are away studying, or have married, and so there is a spare room.

But who can risk letting anyone into one's house today when the only existing law is the "Squatters' law"?

Yours, etc.,
S. BAR-ILLAN

Haifa, November 27

### SERVICE TO PUBLIC

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Disruptions of public services are probably unavoidable in our fast growing city but if the companies involved are interested in keeping the discomfort which they cause the public at a minimum, they can demonstrate their intentions by informing the public ahead of such irregularities.

My suggestion would be to establish a special column in all newspapers, indicating such items as the time water is to be supplied to the various sections of the city, predictable interruptions of electric current, changes in local and inter-urban bus routes, closing off of streets and sections of the city due to repair work, and other such information of public interest.

Yours etc.,
(Mrs). S. GLASER

Jerusalem, Dec. 3.

### Points from Letters

**HONESTY.** — Some time ago as I was entering the bus at Affula for Tel Yoseph, I dropped my handbag but did not realise it until the next day. I returned to Affula and reported the loss to Egged. It appears that a girl picked up the bag as I dropped it and an Egged employee who saw her, took it immediately and registered it as lost property. The bag was returned to me intact. The value of the contents amounted to about IL.100.

Tel Aviv, Dec. 2. S. Rodd

**PEACE POSTERS** — Why do the Municipal Authorities permit the posting of posters for the "Peace Campaign" all over shop windows and bus bodies. Is this not a contravention of one of their own by-laws?

E. Trauber

By a Special Correspondent

ON the page of his diary marked "December 12, 1901" young Guglielmo Marconi wrote "Sigs. at 12.30, 1.10 and 2.20" for, at those times on that day he had heard three dots (the letter S in the Morse Code) and he knew that, on the other side of the Atlantic, his colleagues had put those signals into the ether.

The first wireless signals had been transmitted across the Atlantic and a new era in communications had begun.

The first wireless patent was filed in 1896 and, in 1897, the Marconi's Wireless Telegraph and Signal Co. Ltd. was formed. The Navy ordered equipment and their example was quickly followed by other authorities. Until 1901, however, the range of these wireless signals had extended but slowly and many eminent scientists, while accepting the invention, were of the opinion that the range would always be too limited to prove of universal benefit.

In 1898 wireless was used in Naval manoeuvres over distances up to 74 miles and the South African war saw the advent of military wireless communication. In 1900 a new station site was sought. With an Atlantic signal crossing in mind this site was chosen at Poldhu, in Cornwall, and construction work began. High on the cliffs it commanded an unobstructed view of the Atlantic and faced a stretch of over 2,000 miles of ocean before land was again to be seen.

A transmitter over a hundred times more powerful than anything previously attempted would be needed. 25 kilowatts was the power aimed at —an unheard of power in the small world of wireless in 1900.

When the station at Poldhu was ready a suitable point, on the other side of the ocean, was chosen. On November 27, 1901, Marconi, and his colleagues Kemp and Paget, sailed from Britain.

The receiving station was set up in a room of the Barracks Hospital, on Signal Hill, St. Johns, Newfoundland.

In order to elevate the extremely long aerial, a balloon was used first but it was promptly carried away by a strong wind. Then next day, an aerial wire 500 ft. long was raised on a kite. Within an hour, the wind had carried this away, too. Another kite was tried and, to everyone's relief, it held.

All that remained was to wait for signals...

It was 12.30 p.m. when, after a tense wait Marconi handed the earphone to Kemp asking whether he could hear anything. Kemp heard the cacophony of atmospheric crashes... he also heard what Marconi had heard... three dots forming the letter S.

PROBLEMS OF EDUCATION (II)

# Decline of Teaching Standards

By GERDA LUFT

TO tackle the problem of education at its roots we must direct our finest pedagogical talents to those areas where the situation is most difficult. The best teachers in towns would then have to go to the crowded suburbs, and we should send only the most experienced people to the ma'barot.

Neither of these have been done. The experienced teacher usually has a family and often many years of service entitling him to a fairly quiet, comfortable existence. The lack of available teachers grows daily, and there is less and less chance to pick and choose.

The lack of teachers has, in fact, become a major problem in the field of systematic education. Even in Tel Aviv which is better off than other places, there is a shortage of 25 this year. It must also be borne in mind that today anyone capable of teaching in a school or a kindergarten is pressed into service.

People who served as clerks in schools now take classes and pupils in Teachers' Seminaries begin to work before they have finished their courses. The "intensive courses," in which students prepare for teaching by rapid training for a few months, supply an ever-increasing number of teachers. The results are obvious.

The ability to maintain discipline and to impart knowledge must, perforce, decline steadily. A long-term plan is sorely needed to train teachers for the next generation. Even if we accept many of the problems of mass immigration as currently inevitable, care must be taken that our standards will rise again after a number of years.

### Teaching Hours

Even those teachers available today are not used to the best advantage. The system of part-time work has invaded the teaching profession, too. Most teachers want to stay in government service, but in order to make more money, they accept additional jobs. Thus, they often arrive late, are overworked and frequently unable to prepare for class adequately. Experts maintain that reorganization in the employment of teachers might save valuable working hours.

Among the 7,500 teachers in government service last year, 3,500 were employed on a part-time basis. It has been estimated that were this system altered, 22,000 teaching hours would be gained. This could be done by a legal stipulation requiring teachers in government schools to work a specified minimum of hours.

One of the main obstacles preventing the more efficient use of teachers is the system of "political trends." There are many instances where teaching hours are squandered because the government is compelled to provide for the various "trends." There are instances where, despite the shortage of building materials, money and workers, separate buildings have been erected for the different trends. If those who wish to work for a unified education system would gather all the available material and publish it, thus showing how much could be saved by abolishing this absurd anachronism, a real service would be done.

We would make much faster progress in training teachers, if the Army did not claim young people for two full years. Perhaps if this situation were closely investigated, certain exemptions for teachers might be introduced. The introduction of efficient inspection should also be tackled without delay. Proper inspectors cannot be trained in a month, but expansion of inspection is indispensable and the existence of really suitable supervision will, in itself, help to mend matters today.

### Oriental Community

One very important problem is only now being investigated: the adaptability to modern life and education of children from Oriental communities. Until now we have merely been charmed with the picturesque, and have ignored the fact that these youngsters are being transferred not only from one country to another but from one century to another. If they are to succeed in this most difficult transition, everything possible must be done to lessen the jolt.

Teachers more intimately acquainted with immigrant children from Oriental countries assert that they are no less gifted than other children but that their gifts lie largely in different fields, such as crafts, music, etc.—where emotional development is a factor. The approach to them must differ accordingly.

It is, of course, impossible to open special schools for these children. Moreover, even if we could afford this expensive step, we know far too little as yet about the problems involved to settle on a working programme. But our experiences with Oriental children should be recorded with care and used later for educational purposes. There is nothing to be gained and much might be destroyed by forcing these children into rigid schedules evolved for others.

### Standards of Quality

It ought not to be necessary to prove that the material, as well as the intellectual and moral, standards of the future community depend on the type of education we provide for our youth. All agree that our educational standards are on the decline not only among immigrants but also among the children of older residents.

The Law for Compulsory Education was adopted and pushed through as fast as possible mainly because the Knesset wanted to safeguard existing standards. The time has come to realize that the Law requires improvement and amendment, and that its promulgation is only the start of long-range efforts on which our very future depends.

**This is the conclusion of a two-part article on present education problems. The first appeared on December 7.**

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# MUSICAL DIARY

YFRAH Neaman made a sympathetic impression at his Jerusalem debut at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, although evidently suffering from stage fright at the beginning. He is not the virtuoso type, but his tone has warmth.

Tartini-Kreisler's "Devil's Trill" sonata was beyond his present capacity, not satisfying in tone and lacking the demonic spirit. Bach's Partita No. 3 in E-major was not at all exciting, but the promising violinist captivated the audience with a fine performance of the Debussy sonata, the composer's unique testament, in first-rate partnership with pianist Howard Ferguson. Neaman proved his feeling for contemporary music in Howard Ferguson's Sonata No. 2 for violin and piano.

Traditional in form, the work is post-romantic, "Brahmsian" at the beginning and a little reminiscent of Wieniawski. In the development there are harmonic parallels with Szymanowski and Ravel. All in all it is a fascinating work and the performance, with the composer at the piano, received the biggest applause of the bill. Bloch's "Baal Shem"-suite was absorbing. This composer seems to us at his best with haunting Hassidic themes. The encores consisted of Ibert, Debussy, Prokofieff.

### Bizet World Premiere

Somewhat belatedly, the successful world première of Bizet's opera "Ivan IV" (Ivan the Terrible) took place at the Bordeaux Grand Theatre. The libretto, originally written for Gounod, was composed and completely orchestrated by Bizet in 1867 for the Paris "Theatre Lyrique," except two scenes, now augmented by Henri Busser. But due to financial difficulties, the event could not take place then. Later, Bizet suspended the production, because he was afraid that the opera was too heavily influenced by Verdi. FRANGO

### Farewell Concert

At the I.P.O.'s special concert in aid of the Musicians' Pension Fund at the Ohel Shem on Sunday, Artur Rubinstein offered a rich and contrasted farewell programme.

Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto in G-major (which was also broadcast) was rendered with Rubinstein's inimitable simplicity. The Andante was almost a reverie in which the orchestra participated sympathetically. It was also this part of the Concerto which most strikingly revealed the ability of this artist, in common with every great pianist, to give each note clarity and meaning.

Rachmaninoff's Second Concerto, now half a century old, and the old warhorse of many films, becomes less and less tolerable and the composer's use of the melodies furthers the predominance of sentimentality. Rubinstein's brilliant interpretation only confirmed this critic's reaction.

The orchestra, under the baton of George Singer, was in top form: their accompaniment of the Beethoven Concerto was one of the delights of the evening.

After the concert had ended, some hundred youngsters who had waited outside, stormed the hall and joined in the ovation. The indefatigable musician at once started a more informal recital with works by Chopin and De Falla.

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